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12. A fungicidal composition comprising:

- (a) a particle comprising a triazole fungicide dispersed in a polymer matrix which releases the triazole fungicide at biocidally beneficial levels over a period of at least two to twelve weeks and having a phytotoxicity that is reduced by at least 50% as compared to conventional fast-release formulations of the triazole fungicide, and
- (b) an agricultural adjuvant.
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36. A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of a fungal disease in a target plant wherein the method comprises contacting a plant cell, a plant tissue, or a seed with a particle wherein the particle comprises a triazole fungicide dispersed in a polymer matrix which releases the triazole fungicide at biocidally beneficial levels over a period of at least two to twelve weeks and having a phytotoxicity that is reduced by at least 50% as compared to conventional fast-release formulations of the triazole fungicide.

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#### REMARKS:

Claims 1, 12 and 36 have been amended to more clearly describe the novel particle, composition, and method, respectively, as involving a triazole fungicide dispersed in a polymer matrix which releases the triazole fungicide at biocidally beneficial levels over a period of at least two to twelve weeks and having a phytotoxicity that is reduced by at least 50% as compared to conventional fast-release formulations of the triazole fungicide. Support for the feature that the triazole fungicide is released at biocidally beneficial levels over a period of at least two to twelve weeks is found in the specification at least at page 4, lines 12 - 28. Support for the feature that phytotoxicity is reduced by at least 50% as compared to conventional fast-release formulations of the triazole fungicide is found in the specification at least at page 6, lines 3 - 8, and page 16, lines 1 - 6. The two limitations are definite and easy to test. The measurement of the release rate of a triazole is described on page 99, lines 98 - 30 (Example 27), and the measurement of phytotoxicity is illustrated in Examples 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,